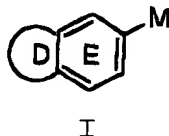


In the claims:

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1. (Amended) A compound of formula I:



or a stereoisomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein;

ring D is selected from $-\text{CH}_2\text{N}=\text{CH}-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}=\text{CH}-$, and a 5-6 membered aromatic ring consisting of carbon atoms and 0-2 heteroatoms selected from the group N, O, and S;

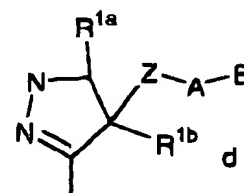
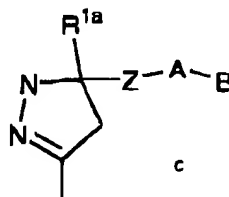
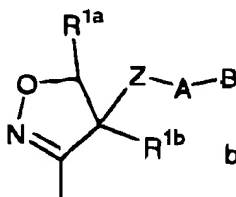
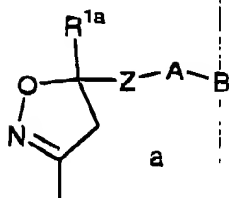
provided that ring D is other than a 5-membered aromatic ring when M is structure q, t, or u;

ring D is substituted with 0-2 R, provided that when ring D is unsubstituted, at least one ring heteroatom is present therein;

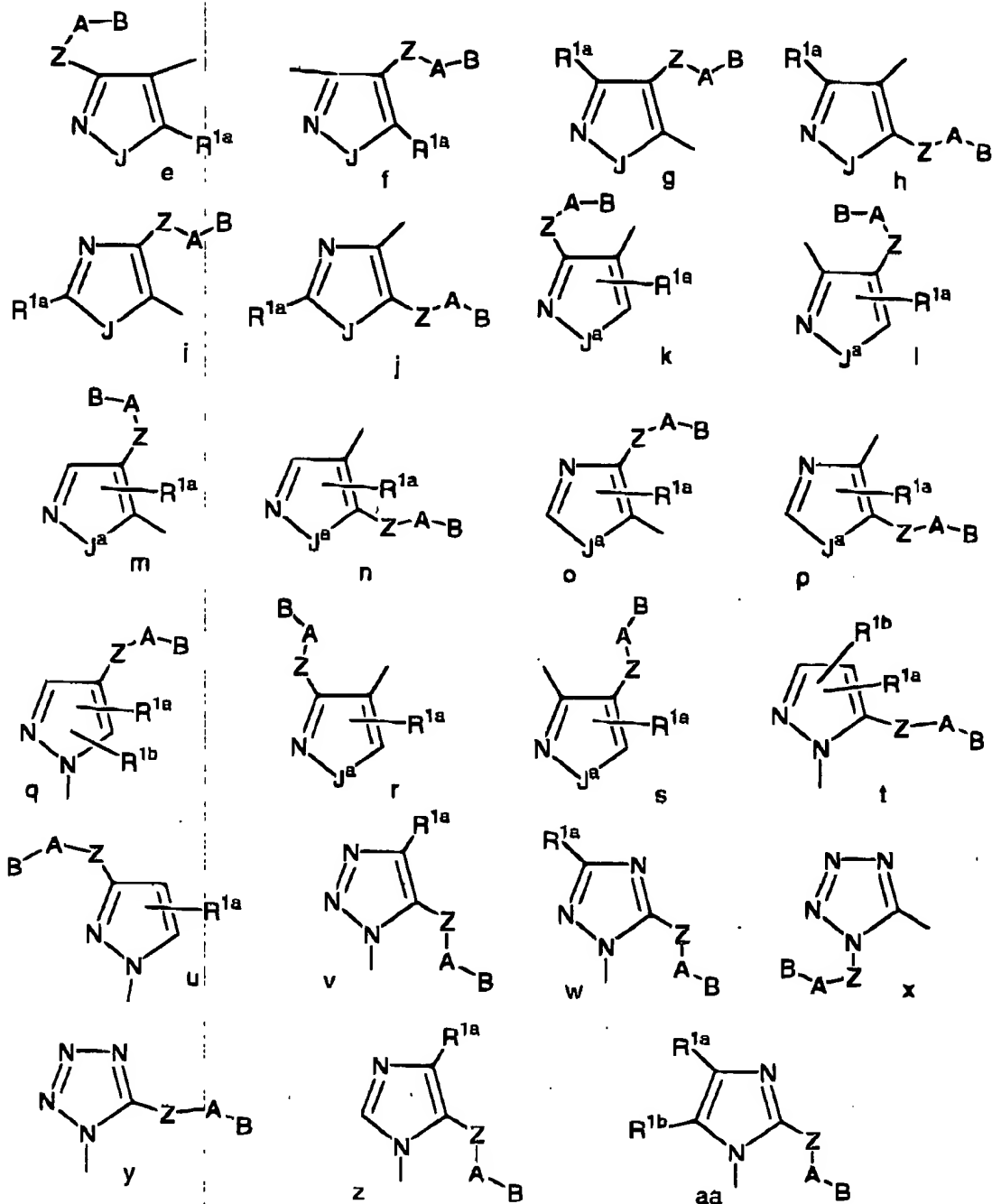
ring E consists of 0-2 N atom and is substituted by 0-1 R

R is selected from Cl, F, Br, I, OH, C_{1-3} alkoxy, NH_2 , $\text{NH}(\text{C}_{1-3} \text{ alkyl})$, $\text{N}(\text{C}_{1-3} \text{ alkyl})_2$, CH_2NH_2 , $\text{CH}_2\text{NH}(\text{C}_{1-3} \text{ alkyl})$, $\text{CH}_2\text{N}(\text{C}_{1-3} \text{ alkyl})_2$, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}(\text{C}_{1-3} \text{ alkyl})$, and $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}(\text{C}_{1-3} \text{ alkyl})_2$;

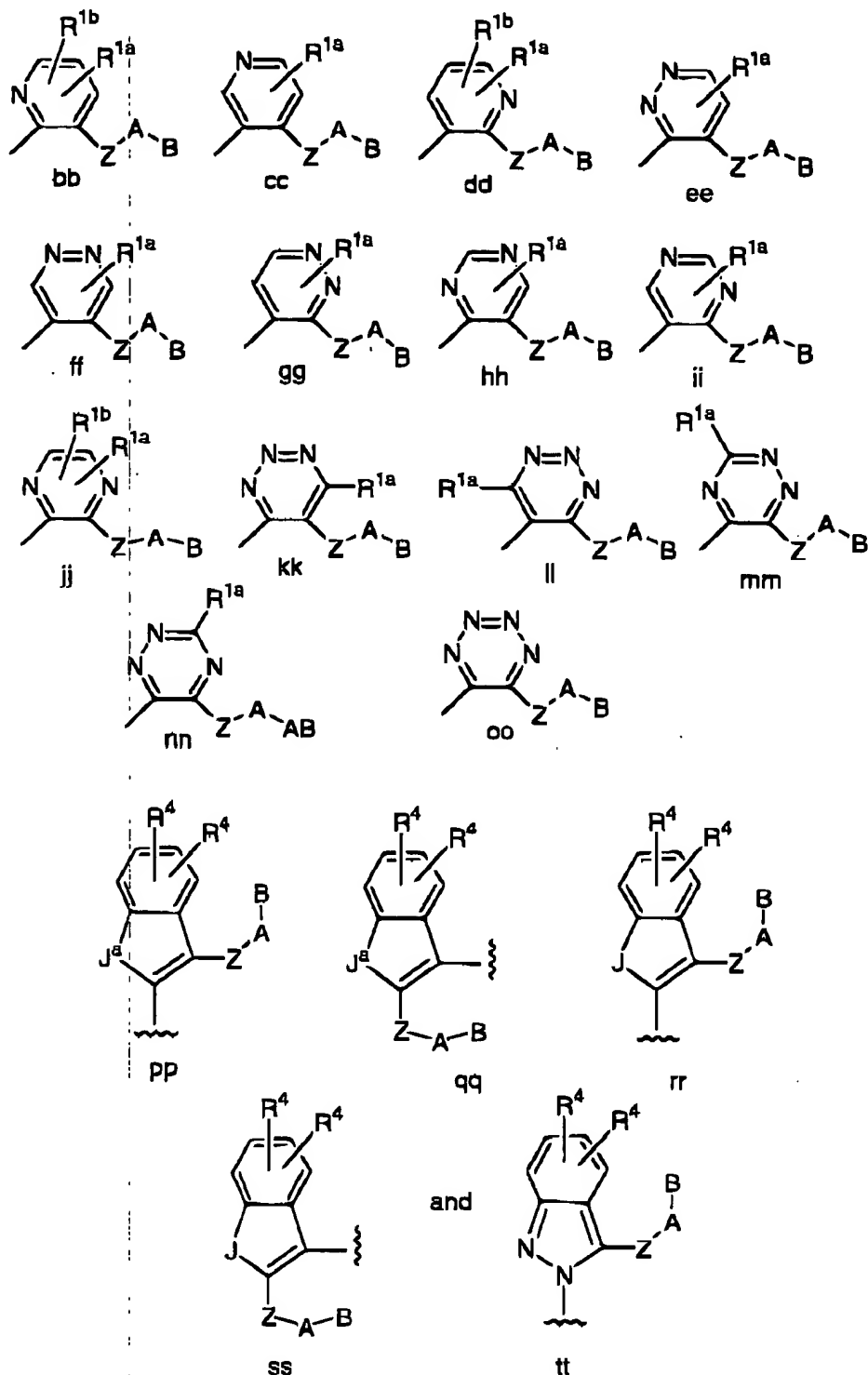
M is selected from the group:



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J is O or S;

J^a is NH or NR^{1a};

Z is selected from a bond, C₁₋₄ alkylene, (CH₂)_rO(CH₂)_r, (CH₂)_rNR³(CH₂)_r, (CH₂)_rC(O)(CH₂)_r, (CH₂)_rC(O)O(CH₂)_r.

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$(CH_2)_rOC(O)(CH_2)_r$, $(CH_2)_rC(O)NR^3(CH_2)_r$,
 $(CH_2)_rNR^3C(O)(CH_2)_r$, $(CH_2)_rOC(O)O(CH_2)_r$,
 $(CH_2)_rOC(O)NR^3(CH_2)_r$, $(CH_2)_rNR^3C(O)O(CH_2)_r$,
 $(CH_2)_rNR^3C(O)NR^3(CH_2)_r$, $(CH_2)_rS(O)_p(CH_2)_r$,
 $(CH_2)_rSO_2NR^3(CH_2)_r$, $(CH_2)_rNR^3SO_2(CH_2)_r$, and
 $(CH_2)_rNR^3SO_2NR^3(CH_2)_r$, provided that Z does not form a
N-N, N-O, N-S, NCH₂N, NCH₂O, or NCH₂S bond with ring M
or group A;

R^{1a} and R^{1b} are independently H or selected from $-(CH_2)_rR^{1'}$,
 $-CH=CH-R^{1'}$, $NCH_2R^{1'}$, $OCH_2R^{1'}$, $SCH_2R^{1'}$, $NH(CH_2)_2(CH_2)_tR^{1'}$,
 $O(CH_2)_2(CH_2)_tR^{1'}$, and $S(CH_2)_2(CH_2)_tR^{1'}$;

alternatively, R^{1a} and R^{1b}, when attached to adjacent carbon
atoms, together with the atoms to which they are
attached form a 5-8 membered saturated, partially
saturated or unsaturated ring substituted with 0-2 R⁴
and which consists of carbon atoms and 0-2 heteroatoms
selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S;

alternatively, when Z is C(O)NH and R^{1a} is attached to a ring
carbon adjacent to Z, then R^{1a} is a C(O) which replaces
the amide hydrogen of Z to form a cyclic imide;

R^{1'} is selected from H, C₁₋₃ alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, -CN, -CHO,
 $(CF_2)_rCF_3$, $(CH_2)_rOR^2$, NR^2R^{2a} , $C(O)R^{2c}$, $OC(O)R^2$,
 $(CF_2)_rCO_2R^{2c}$, $S(O)_pR^{2b}$, $NR^2(CH_2)_rOR^2$, $C(=NR^{2c})NR^2R^{2a}$,
 $NR^2C(O)R^{2b}$, $NR^2C(O)NHR^{2b}$, $NR^2C(O)_2R^{2a}$, $OC(O)NR^{2a}R^{2b}$,
 $C(O)NR^2R^{2a}$, $C(O)NR^2(CH_2)_rOR^2$, $SO_2NR^2R^{2a}$, $NR^2SO_2R^{2b}$, C₃₋₆
carbocycle substituted with 0-2 R⁴, and 5-10 membered
heterocycle consisting of carbon atoms and 1-4
heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O,
and S substituted with 0-2 R⁴;

R^{1''} is selected from H, $CH(CH_2OR^2)_2$, $C(O)R^{2c}$, $C(O)NR^2R^{2a}$,
 $S(O)R^{2b}$, $S(O)_2R^{2b}$, and $SO_2NR^2R^{2a}$;

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R², at each occurrence, is selected from H, CF₃, C₁₋₆ alkyl, benzyl, C₃₋₆ carbocycle substituted with 0-2 R^{4b}, and 5-6 membered heterocycle consisting of carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S substituted with 0-2 R^{4b};

R^{2a}, at each occurrence, is selected from H, CF₃, C₁₋₆ alkyl, benzyl, phenethyl, C₃₋₆ carbocycle substituted with 0-2 R^{4b}, and 5-6 membered heterocycle consisting of carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S substituted with 0-2 R^{4b};

R^{2b}, at each occurrence, is selected from CF₃, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, C₁₋₆ alkyl, benzyl, C₃₋₆ carbocycle substituted with 0-2 R^{4b}, and 5-6 membered heterocycle consisting of carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S substituted with 0-2 R^{4b};

R^{2c}, at each occurrence, is selected from CF₃, OH, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, C₁₋₆ alkyl, benzyl, C₃₋₆ carbocycle substituted with 0-2 R^{4b}, and 5-6 membered heterocycle consisting of carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S substituted with 0-2 R^{4b};

alternatively, R² and R^{2a}, together with the atom to which they are attached, combine to form a 5 or 6 membered saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated ring substituted with 0-2 R^{4b}, wherein 0-1 additional ring heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S are present;

R³, at each occurrence, is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, and phenyl;

R^{3a}, at each occurrence, is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, and phenyl;

R^{3c} , at each occurrence, is selected from C_{1-4} alkyl, and phenyl;

A is selected from:

C_{3-10} carbocycle substituted with 0-2 R^4 , and 5-10 membered heterocycle consisting of carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S substituted with 0-2 R^4 ;

B is selected from: H, Y, and X-Y;

X is selected from C_{1-4} alkylene, $-CR^2(CR^2R^{2b})(CH_2)_t-$, $-C(O)-$, $-C(=NR^{1'})-$, $-CR^2(NR^{1''}R^2)-$, $-CR^2(OR^2)-$, $-CR^2(SR^2)-$, $-C(O)CR^2R^{2a}-$, $-CR^2R^{2a}C(O)-$, $-S(O)_p-$, $-S(O)_pCR^2R^{2a}-$, $-CR^2R^{2a}S(O)_p-$, $-S(O)_2NR^2-$, $-NR^2S(O)_2-$, $-NR^2S(O)_2CR^2R^{2a}-$, $-CR^2R^{2a}S(O)_2NR^2-$, $-NR^2S(O)_2NR^2-$, $-C(O)NR^2-$, $-NR^2C(O)-$, $-C(O)NR^2CR^2R^{2a}-$, $-NR^2C(O)CR^2R^{2a}-$, $-CR^2R^{2a}C(O)NR^2-$, $-CR^2R^{2a}NR^2C(O)-$, $-NR^2C(O)O-$, $-OC(O)NR^2-$, $-NR^2C(O)NR^2-$, $-NR^2-$, $-NR^2CR^2R^{2a}-$, $-CR^2R^{2a}NR^2-$, O, $-CR^2R^{2a}O-$, and $-OCR^2R^{2a}-$;

Y is selected from:

$(CH_2)_rNR^2R^{2a}$, provided that X-Y do not form a N-N, O-N, or S-N bond,

C_{3-10} carbocycle substituted with 0-2 R^{4a} , and 5-10 membered heterocycle consisting of carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S substituted with 0-2 R^{4a} ;

R^4 , at each occurrence, is selected from H, =O, $(CH_2)_rOR^2$, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-4} alkyl, $-CN$, NO_2 , $(CH_2)_rNR^2R^{2a}$, $(CH_2)_rC(O)R^2$, $NR^2C(O)R^2$, $C(O)NR^2R^{2a}$, $NR^2C(O)NR^2R^{2a}$, $C(=NR^2)NR^2R^{2a}$, $C(=NS(O)_2R^5)NR^2R^{2a}$, $NHC(=NR^2)NR^2R^{2a}$, $C(O)NHC(=NR^2)NR^2R^{2a}$, $SO_2NR^2R^{2a}$, $NR^2SO_2NR^2R^{2a}$, $NR^2SO_2-C_{1-4}$ alkyl, $NR^2SO_2R^5$, $S(O)_pR^5$, $(CF_2)_rCF_3$, $NCH_2R^{1'}$, $OCH_2R^{1'}$,

$\text{SCH}_2\text{R}^{1'}$, $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_2(\text{CH}_2)_t\text{R}^{1'}$, $\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_2(\text{CH}_2)_t\text{R}^{1'}$, and
 $\text{S}(\text{CH}_2)_2(\text{CH}_2)_t\text{R}^{1'}$.

alternatively, one R^4 is a 5-6 membered aromatic heterocycle consisting of carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S;

provided that if B is H, then R^4 is other than tetrazole, $\text{C}(\text{O})$ -alkoxy, and $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^2\text{R}^{2a}$;

R^{4a} , at each occurrence, is selected from H, $=\text{O}$, $(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{OR}^2$, $(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{-F}$, $(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{-Br}$, $(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{-Cl}$, I, C_{1-4} alkyl, $-\text{CN}$, NO_2 , $(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{NR}^2\text{R}^{2a}$, $(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{NR}^2\text{R}^{2b}$, $(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^{2c}$, $\text{NR}^2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^{2b}$, $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^2\text{R}^{2a}$, $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NH}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NR}^2\text{R}^{2a}$, $\text{NR}^2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^2\text{R}^{2a}$, $\text{C}(=\text{NR}^2)\text{NR}^2\text{R}^{2a}$, $\text{NHC}(=\text{NR}^2)\text{NR}^2\text{R}^{2a}$, $\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^2\text{R}^{2a}$, $\text{NR}^2\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^2\text{R}^{2a}$, $\text{NR}^2\text{SO}_2\text{-C}_{1-4}$ alkyl, $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NHSO}_2\text{-C}_{1-4}$ alkyl, $\text{NR}^2\text{SO}_2\text{R}^5$, $\text{S}(\text{O})_p\text{R}^5$, and $(\text{CF}_2)_r\text{CF}_3$;

alternatively, one R^{4a} is a 5-6 membered aromatic heterocycle consisting of carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S and substituted with 0-1 R^5 ;

R^{4b} , at each occurrence, is selected from H, $=\text{O}$, $(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{OR}^3$, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-4} alkyl, $-\text{CN}$, NO_2 , $(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{NR}^3\text{R}^{3a}$, $(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^3$, $(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OR}^{3c}$, $\text{NR}^3\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^{3a}$, $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^3\text{R}^{3a}$, $\text{NR}^3\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^3\text{R}^{3a}$, $\text{C}(=\text{NR}^3)\text{NR}^3\text{R}^{3a}$, $\text{NH}^3\text{C}(=\text{NR}^3)\text{NR}^3\text{R}^{3a}$, $\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^3\text{R}^{3a}$, $\text{NR}^3\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^3\text{R}^{3a}$, $\text{NR}^3\text{SO}_2\text{-C}_{1-4}$ alkyl, $\text{NR}^3\text{SO}_2\text{CF}_3$, $\text{NR}^3\text{SO}_2\text{-phenyl}$, $\text{S}(\text{O})_p\text{CF}_3$, $\text{S}(\text{O})_p\text{-C}_{1-4}$ alkyl, $\text{S}(\text{O})_p\text{-phenyl}$, and $(\text{CF}_2)_r\text{CF}_3$;

R^5 , at each occurrence, is selected from CF_3 , C_{1-6} alkyl, phenyl substituted with 0-2 R^6 , and benzyl substituted with 0-2 R^6 ;

R^6 , at each occurrence, is selected from H, OH, $(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{OR}^2$, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-4} alkyl, CN, NO_2 , $(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{NR}^2\text{R}^{2a}$, $(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^{2b}$, $\text{NR}^2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^{2b}$, $\text{NR}^2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^2\text{R}^{2a}$, $\text{C}(=\text{NH})\text{NH}_2$.

$\text{NHC}(=\text{NH})\text{NH}_2$, $\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^2\text{R}^{2a}$, $\text{NR}^2\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^2\text{R}^{2a}$, and $\text{NR}^2\text{SO}_2\text{C}_{1-4}$
alkyl;

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p is selected from 0, 1, and 2;

r is selected from 0, 1, 2, and 3;

s is selected from 0, 1, and 2; and,

t is selected from 0 and 1;

provided that when:

(a) ring D is furan, thiophene, pyrrole, isoxazole, isothiazole, or pyrazole, then Z is other than a bond; and,

(b) A is benzofuran, benzothiophene, indole, benzisoxazole, benzisothiazole, or indazole, then:

(i) ring M is pyrazole, or

(ii) Z is other than a bond or C_{1-4} alkylene.

2. (Amended) A compound according to Claim 1, wherein:

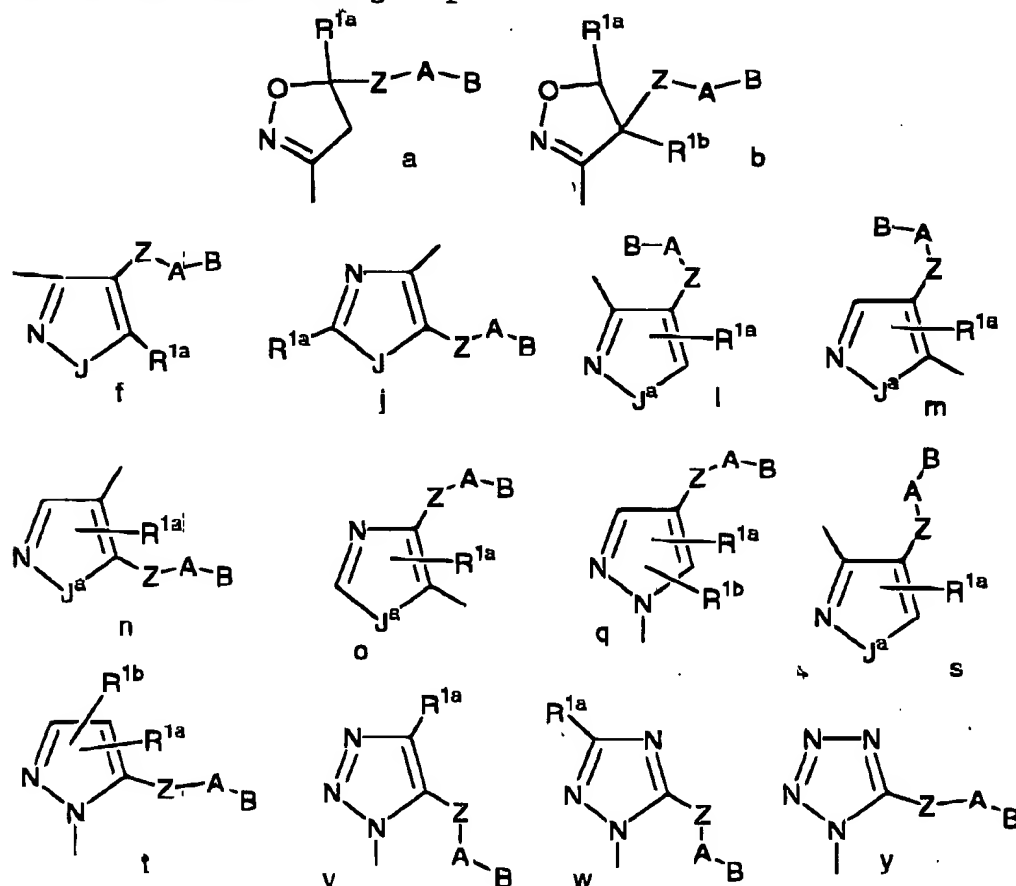
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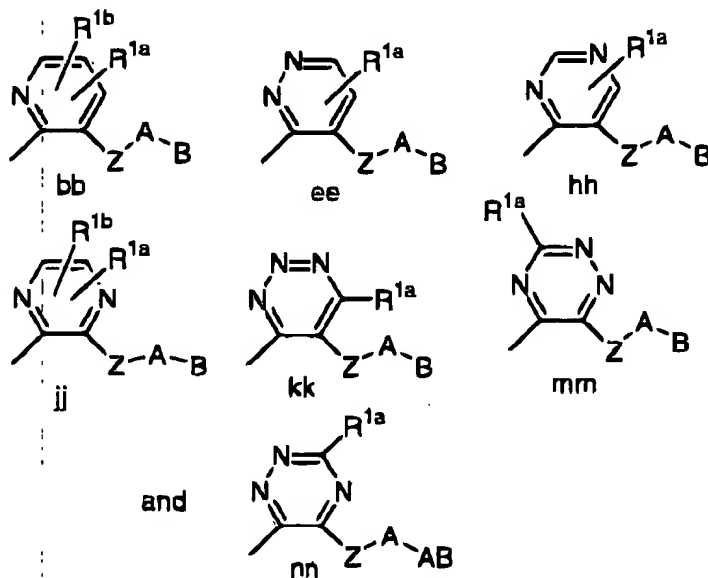
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aminopterid-6-yl; 2,4-aminopterid-6-yl; 4,6-diaminopterid-6-yl; 8-amino-1,7-naphthyrid-2-yl; 6,8-diamino-1,7-naphthyrid-2-yl; 5,8-diamino-1,7-naphthyrid-2-yl; 4,8-diamino-1,7-naphthyrid-2-yl; 3,8-diamino-1,7-naphthyrid-2-yl; 5-amino-2,6-naphthyrid-3-yl; 5,7-diamino-2,6-naphthyrid-3-yl; 5,8-diamino-2,6-naphthyrid-3-yl; 1,5-diamino-2,6-naphthyrid-3-yl; 5-amino-1,6-naphthyrid-3-yl; 5,7-diamino-1,6-naphthyrid-3-y; 5,8-diamino-1,6-naphthyrid-3-yl; 2,5-diamino-1,6-naphthyrid-3-yl; 3-aminoindazol-5-yl; 3-hydroxyindazol-5-yl; 3-aminobenzisoxazol-5-yl; 3-hydroxybenzisoxazol-5-yl; 3-aminobenzisothiazol-5-yl; 3-hydroxybenzisothiazol-5-yl; 1-amino-3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-7-yl; and, 1-aminoisoindol-6-yl;

M is selected from the group:



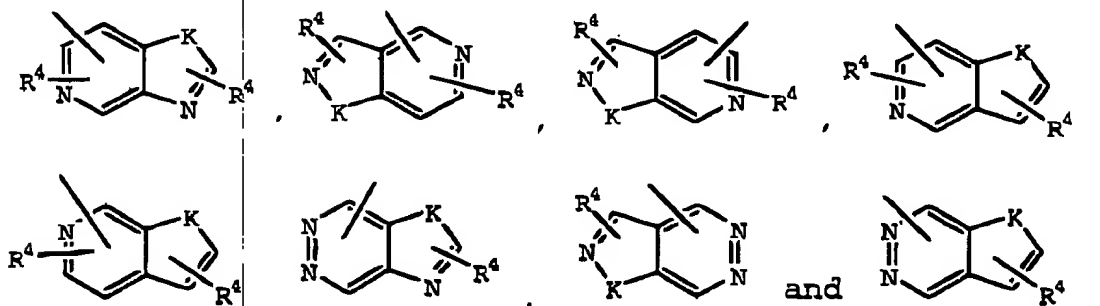


Z is selected from $(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{C}(\text{O})(\text{CH}_2)_r$, $(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_r$, $(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^3(\text{CH}_2)_r$, $(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{S}(\text{O})_p(\text{CH}_2)_r$, and $(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^3(\text{CH}_2)_r$; and,

Y is selected from one of the following rings which are substituted with 0-2 R^{4a} ;

phenyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, morpholinyl, thiophenyl, pyrrolyl, pyrrolidinyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, oxadiazole, thiadiazole, triazole, 1,2,3-oxadiazole, 1,2,4-oxadiazole, 1,2,5-oxadiazole, 1,3,4-oxadiazole, 1,2,3-thiadiazole, 1,2,4-thiadiazole, 1,2,5-thiadiazole, 1,3,4-thiadiazole, 1,2,3-triazole, 1,2,4-triazole, 1,2,5-triazole, 1,3,4-triazole, benzofuran, benzothiofuran, indole, benzimidazole, benzoxazole, benzthiazole, indazole, benzisoxazole, benzisothiazole, and isoindazole;

alternatively, Y is selected from the following bicyclic heteroaryl ring systems:



K is selected from O, S, NH, and N.

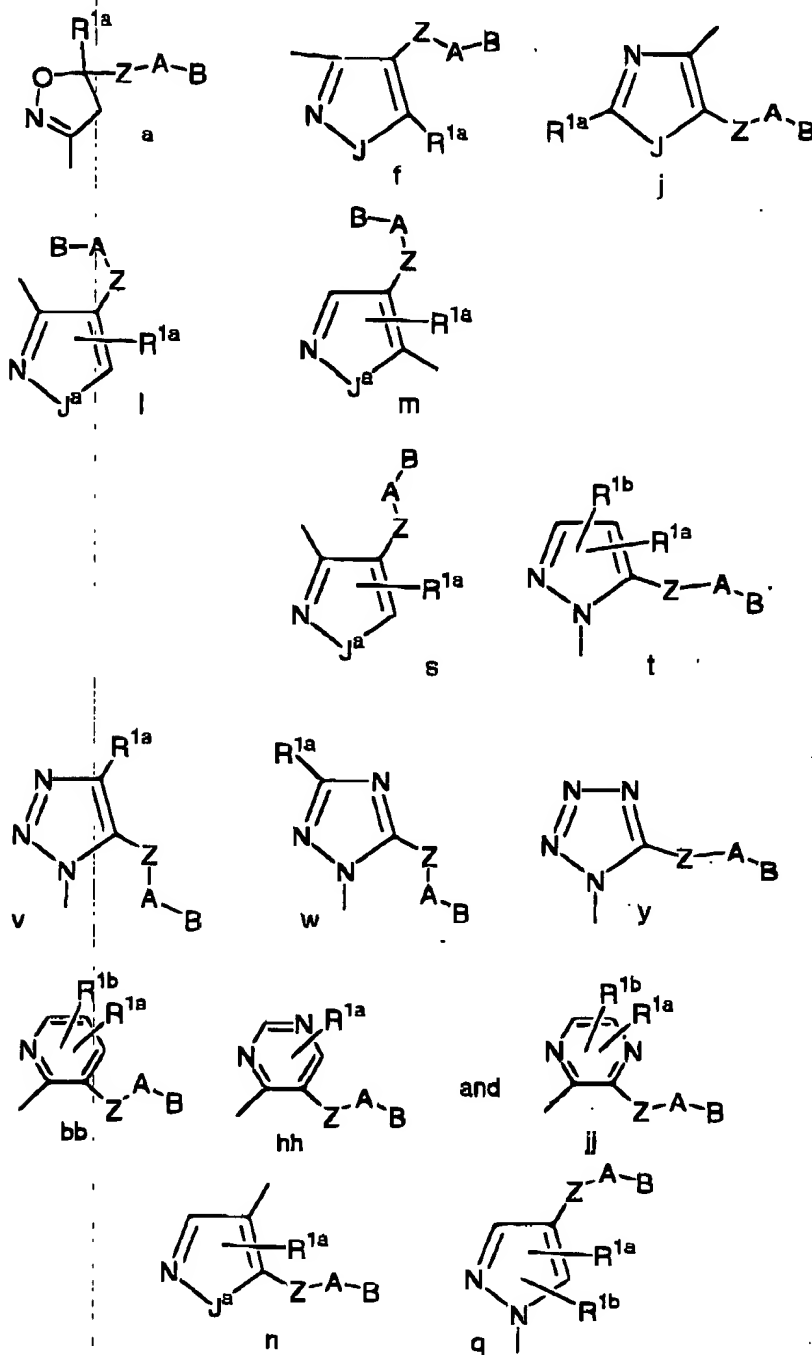
3. (Amended) A compound according to Claim 2, wherein:

D-E is selected from the group:

1-aminoisoquinolin-7-yl; 1,3-diaminoisoquinolin-7-yl; 1,4-diaminoisoquinolin-7-yl; 1,5-diaminoisoquinolin-7-yl; 1,6-diaminoisoquinolin-7-yl; 1-hydroxy-isoquinolin-7-yl; 4-aminoquinazol-6-yl; 2,4-diaminoquinazol-6-yl; 4,7-diaminoquinazol-6-yl; 4,8-diaminoquinazol-6-yl; 1-aminophthalaz-7-yl; 1,4-diaminophthalaz-7-yl; 1,5-diaminophthalaz-7-yl; 1,6-diaminophthalaz-7-yl; 4-aminopterid-6-yl; 8-amino-1,7-naphthyrid-2-yl; 5-amino-1,6-naphthyrid-3-yl; 5-amino-2,6-naphthyrid-3-yl; 3-aminobenzisoxazol-5-yl; 3-aminobenzisothiazol-5-yl; 1-amino-3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-7-yl; and, 1-aminoisoindol-6-yl;

M is selected from the group:

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Z is selected from $(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{C}(\text{O})(\text{CH}_2)_r$ and $(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^3(\text{CH}_2)_r$; and,

Y is selected from one of the following rings which are substituted with 0-2 R^{4a};

phenyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, morpholinyl, thiophenyl, pyrrolyl, pyrrolidinyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl,

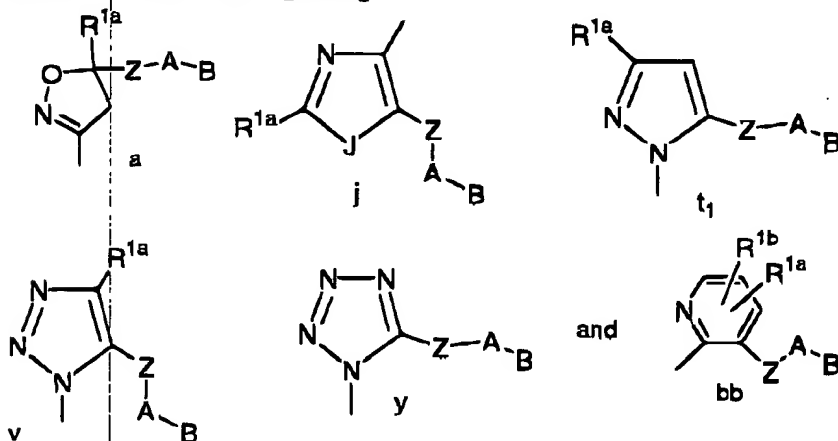
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isothiazolyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, oxadiazole, thiadiazole, triazole, 1,2,3-oxadiazole, 1,2,4-oxadiazole, 1,2,5-oxadiazole, 1,3,4-oxadiazole, 1,2,3-thiadiazole, 1,2,4-thiadiazole, 1,2,5-thiadiazole, 1,3,4-thiadiazole, 1,2,3-triazole, 1,2,4-triazole, 1,2,5-triazole, 1,3,4-triazole, benzofuran, benzothiofuran, indole, benzimidazole, benzoxazole, benzthiazole, indazole, benzisoxazole, benzisothiazole, and isoindazole.

4. (Amended) A compound according to Claim 3, wherein:

D-E is selected from the group:

1-aminoisoquinolin-7-yl; 1,3-diaminoisoquinolin-7-yl; 1,4-diaminoisoquinolin-7-yl; 1,5-diaminoisoquinolin-7-yl; 1,6-diaminoisoquinolin-7-yl; 1-aminophthalaz-7-yl; 1,4-diaminophthalaz-7-yl; 1,5-diaminophthalaz-7-yl; 1,6-diaminophthalaz-7-yl; 4-aminopterid-6-yl; 8-amino-1,7-naphthyrid-2-yl; 5-amino-1,6-naphthyrid-3-yl; 5-amino-2,6-naphthyrid-3-yl; 3-aminobenzisoxazol-5-yl; 1-amino-3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-7-yl; and, 1-aminoisoindol-6-yl;

M is selected from the group:



A is selected from:

C₅₋₆ carbocycle substituted with 0-2 R⁴, and

5-6 membered heterocycle consisting of carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S substituted with 0-2 R⁴;

Y is selected from one of the following rings which are substituted with 0-2 R^{4a};

phenyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, morpholinyl, thiophenyl, pyrrolyl, pyrrolidinyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, benzimidazolyl, oxadiazole, thiadiazole, triazole, 1,2,3-oxadiazole, 1,2,4-oxadiazole, 1,2,5-oxadiazole, 1,3,4-oxadiazole, 1,2,3-thiadiazole, 1,2,4-thiadiazole, 1,2,5-thiadiazole, 1,3,4-thiadiazole, 1,2,3-triazole, 1,2,4-triazole, 1,2,5-triazole, and 1,3,4-triazole;

R², at each occurrence, is selected from H, CF₃, C₁₋₆ alkyl, benzyl, C₅₋₆ carbocycle substituted with 0-2 R^{4b}, and 5-6 membered heterocycle consisting of carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S substituted with 0-2 R^{4b};

R^{2a}, at each occurrence, is selected from H, CF₃, C₁₋₆ alkyl, benzyl, phenethyl, C₅₋₆ carbocycle substituted with 0-2 R^{4b}, and 5-6 membered heterocycle consisting of carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S substituted with 0-2 R^{4b};

R^{2b}, at each occurrence, is selected from CF₃, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, C₁₋₆ alkyl, benzyl, C₅₋₆ carbocycle substituted with 0-2 R^{4b}, and 5-6 membered heterocycle consisting of carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S substituted with 0-2 R^{4b};

R^{2c}, at each occurrence, is selected from CF₃, OH, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, C₁₋₆ alkyl, benzyl, C₅₋₆ carbocycle substituted with 0-2 R^{4b}, and 5-6 membered heterocycle consisting of

carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S substituted with 0-2 R^{4b} ;

a^2 alternatively, R^2 and R^{2a} , together with the atom to which they are attached, combine to form a ring selected from imidazolyl, morpholino, piperazinyl, pyridyl, and pyrrolidinyl, substituted with 0-2 R^{4b} ;

R^4 , at each occurrence, is selected from H, =O, OR^2 , CH_2OR^2 , F, Cl, C_{1-4} alkyl, NR^2R^{2a} , $CH_2NR^2R^{2a}$, $C(O)R^{2c}$, $CH_2C(O)R^{2c}$, $C(O)NR^2R^{2a}$, $C(=NR^2)NR^2R^{2a}$, $C(=NS(O)_2R^5)NR^2R^{2a}$, $SO_2NR^2R^{2a}$, $NR^2SO_2-C_{1-4}$ alkyl, $S(O)_2R^5$, and CF_3

provided that if B is H, then R^4 is other than tetrazole, C(O)-alkoxy, and $C(O)NR^2R^{2a}$;

R^{4a} , at each occurrence, is selected from H, =O, $(CH_2)_rOR^2$, F, Cl, C_{1-4} alkyl, NR^2R^{2a} , $CH_2NR^2R^{2a}$, NR^2R^{2b} , $CH_2NR^2R^{2b}$, $(CH_2)_rC(O)R^{2c}$, $NR^2C(O)R^{2b}$, $C(O)NR^2R^{2a}$, $C(O)NH(CH_2)_2NR^2R^{2a}$, $NR^2C(O)NR^2R^{2a}$, $SO_2NR^2R^{2a}$, $S(O)_2R^5$, and CF_3 ; and,

R^{4b} , at each occurrence, is selected from H, =O, $(CH_2)_rOR^3$, F, Cl, C_{1-4} alkyl, NR^3R^{3a} , $CH_2NR^3R^{3a}$, $C(O)R^3$, $CH_2C(O)R^3$, $C(O)OR^{3c}$, $C(O)NR^3R^{3a}$, $C(=NR^3)NR^3R^{3a}$, $SO_2NR^3R^{3a}$, $NR^3SO_2-C_{1-4}$ alkyl, $NR^3SO_2CF_3$, NR^3SO_2 -phenyl, $S(O)_2CF_3$, $S(O)_2-C_{1-4}$ alkyl, $S(O)_2$ -phenyl, and CF_3 .

a^3 6. (Amended) A compound according to Claim 1, wherein the compound is selected from:

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-methyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-methyl-5-[(2'-methylsulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

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- 1-(4'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-methyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;
 - 1-(Isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-methyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;
 - 3-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]-5-methylisoxazoline;
 - 3-(Isoquinol-5'-yl)-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]-5-methylisoxazoline;
 - 3-(Isoquinol-7'-yl)-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]-5-methylisoxazoline;
 - 3-(2'-Aminobenzimidazol-5'-yl)-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]-5-methylisoxazoline;
 - 3-(3'-Aminoindazol-5'-yl)-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]-5-methylisoxazoline;
 - 3-(3'-Aminobenzisoxazol-5'-yl)-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]-5-methylisoxazoline;
 - 3-(1-Amino-isoquinol-7-yl)-4-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]-1,2,3-triazole;
 - 3-(4-amino-isoquinol-7-yl)-4-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]-1,2,3-triazole;
 - 3-(isoquinol-7-yl)-4-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]-1,2,3-triazole;
 - 1-(Quinol-2-yl)methyl)-3-methyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]pyrazole;
 - 1-(Quinol-2-yl)-3-methyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]pyrazole;
 - 1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-ethyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]pyrazole;
 - 1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-isopropyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]pyrazole;
 - 1-(2',4'-Diaminoquinazol-6'-yl)-3-methyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]pyrazole;

1-(4'-Aminoquinazol-6'-yl)-3-methyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-methyl-5-[4-(N-pyrrolidinylcarbonyl)phenylaminocarbonyl]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Aminophthalazin-7'-yl)-3-methyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

3-(3'-Aminobenzisoxazol-5'-yl)-5-[[5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl)phenyl]pyrid-2-yl]aminocarbonyl]-5-(methylsulfonylamino)methyl)isoxazoline;

1-(3'-Aminobenzisoxazol-5'-yl)-5-[[2-(2'-methylsulfonyl)-3-fluoro-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl]aminocarbonyl]tetrazole;

1-(3'-Aminobenzisoxazol-5'-yl)-5-[[4-(2'-methyylimidazol-1'-yl)phenyl]aminocarbonyl]tetrazole;

1-(3'-Aminobenzisoxazol-5'-yl)-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]tetrazole;

1-(3'-Aminobenzisoxazol-5'-yl)-5-[(2-fluoro-4-(N-pyrrolidinocarbonyl)phenyl)aminocarbonyl]tetrazole;

1-(3'-Aminobenzisoxazol-5'-yl)-5-[(2-(N-pyrrolidino)-4-(N-pyrrolidinocarbonyl)phenyl)aminocarbonyl]tetrazole;

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-5-[[2-(2'-aminosulfonyl)-3-fluoro-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl]aminocarbonyl]tetrazole;

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-5-[[2-(2'-methylsulfonyl)-3-fluoro-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl]aminocarbonyl]tetrazole;

1-(1',2',3',4'-Tetrahydroisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-methyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-[(2'-methyaminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]-5-methylpyrazole;

1-(4'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-methyl-5-[(2'-methylsulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-5-[(2'-methylsulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

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1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-5-[(2-fluoro-4-(N-pyrrolidinocarbonyl)-phenyl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-5-[(2'-methylsulfonyl-3-fluoro-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-3-fluoro-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-5-[(5-(2'-methylsulfonylphenyl)pyrid-2-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-methyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-3-fluoro-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-methyl-5-[(2'-methylsulfonyl-3-fluoro-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-3-chloro-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-3-methyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-5-[(2'-methylaminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-ethyl-5-[(2'-methylaminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-ethyl-5-[(2'-methylsulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-propyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-propyl-5-[(2'-methylaminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]pyrazole;

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- 1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-propyl-5-[(2'-methylsulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]pyrazole;
- 1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-ethyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-3-fluoro-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]pyrazole;
- 1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-ethyl-5-[(2'-methylsulfonyl-3-fluoro-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]pyrazole;
- 1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-ethyl-5-[4-(N-pyrrolidinocarbonyl-1-yl)phenylaminocarbonyl]pyrazole;
- 1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-5-[4-(imidazol-1'-yl)phenylaminocarbonyl]pyrazole;
- 1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-5-[3-fluoro-4-(2-methylimidazol-1'-yl)phenylaminocarbonyl]pyrazole;
- 1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-5-[4-(2-methylimidazol-1'-yl)phenylaminocarbonyl]pyrazole;
- 1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-5-[2-fluoro-4-(2-methylimidazol-1'-yl)phenylaminocarbonyl]pyrazole;
- 1-(3'-Aminomethylnaphth-2'-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-5-[(2'-methylsulfonyl-3-fluoro-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]pyrazole; and,
- 1-(3'-Aminobenzisoxazol-5'-yl)-5-[(2'-methylsulfonyl-3-fluoro-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]triazole;
- 1-(3'-Aminobenzisoxazol-5'-yl)-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-3-fluoro-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]triazole;
- or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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13. (Amended) A method for treating a thromboembolic disorder, comprising: administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to Claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

14. (Amended) A method for treating a thromboembolic disorder, comprising: administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to Claim 2 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

15. (Amended) A method for treating a thromboembolic disorder, comprising: administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to Claim 3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

16. (Amended) A method for treating a thromboembolic disorder, comprising: administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to Claim 4 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

17. (Amended) A method for treating a thromboembolic disorder, comprising: administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to Claim 5 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

18. (Amended) A method for treating a thromboembolic disorder, comprising: administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to Claim 6 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.